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SUBJECT: PAK/CANADIAN NUCLEAR NEGOTIATIONS

1. CANADIAN EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY STOCKWELL TOLD EMBOFF
TODAY THAT TWO-MAN CANADIAN NEGOTIATING TEAM ON NUCLEAR
MATTERS HAS ARRIVED

ISLAMABAD AND WILL HAVE FIRST PRELIMINARY
MEETING WITH GOP OFFICIALS LATE AFTERNOON JULY 26. BOTH
TEAM MEMBERS, FULFORD AND BOOMGAARDT, HAD STOPPED IN
WASHINGTON EN ROUTE TO PAKISTAN AND DISCUSSED PAK/CANADIAN
NEGOTIATIONS WITH USG OFFICIALS.

2. STOCKWELL SAID GOC CABINET HAD APPROVED THREE OPTIONS
CANADIAN TEAM CAN PURSUE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH GOP. FIRST
OPTION IS THAT IF GOP IS WILLING TO CANCEL REPROCESSING
PLANT BUY, GOC WILL OFFER FULL COOPERATION ON NUCLEAR
MATTERS INCLUDING A GUARANTEED SUPPLY OF FUEL FOR A
NEGOTIATED PRICE. (EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS GOC GIVES PAKISTAN
DEVELOPMENT LOANS TO PAY FOR AT LEAST PART OF FUEL FOR
KANUP). SECOND OPTION IS THAT IF GOP GOES AHEAD WITH
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PLANS TO PURCHASE REPROCESSING PLANT, BUT IS WILLING TO

HAVE FULL SAFEGUARDS ON KANUP INCLUDING ALL FUEL GOING INTO PLANT AND EVERYTHING COMING OUT, THEN GOC WILL OFFER LIMITED SUPPORT. THIS MEANS FUEL AND HEAVY WATER SUPPLY WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE UNTIL REPROCESSING PLANT COMES ON LINE. AT THAT TIME, GOC WILL REVIEW ITS POLICY. FINAL OPTION IS THAT IF GOP GOES AHEAD WITH REPROCESSING PLANT AND DOES NOT AGREE TO TIGHTER SAFEGUARDS AT KANUP, GOC WILL PHASE OUT ALL COOPERATION. THIS WILL INVOLVE AN INTERIM FUEL SUPPLY AGREEMENT, LASTING PERHAPS SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS.

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AFTER DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON
CANADIAN TEAM DECIDED IT WOULD HARDEN ITS POSITION IN ORDER NOT TO UNDERMINE US NEGOTIATING STANCE. TEAM WILL ALSO ATTEMPT TO COORDINATE ITS NEGOTIATIONS WITH WHATEVER PROGRESS WE MAKE WITH GOP. CONSEQUENTLY TEAM WILL ONLY OFFER FIRST OPTION TO THE PAKISTANIS. IF GOP WANTS TO DISCUSS OTHER POSSIBILITIES, CANADIAN TEAM WILL SAY IT WILL LISTEN TO ALL PROPOSALS, BUT WILL NEGOTIATE NOW ONLY ON BASIS OF FIRST OPTION.

4. GOC TEAM SAID IT TOLD USG
OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON
IT WOULD KEEP OUR EMBASSY INFORMED ON HOW NEGOTIATIONS WITH PAKS ARE PROCEEDING. WE HAVE CONSEQUENTLY AGREED TO MEET REGULARLY WITH TEAM DURING ITS STAY TO BE BRIEFED ON PROGRESS OF TALKS. WE WILL REPORT RESULTS OF THESE BRIEFINGS TO DEPARTMENT AND OTTAWA.
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